



Jennie Giles Findley

Jennie Giles Findley, former resident of Heber City, died in Morgan Hill, CA, on Dec. 28, 1998.

Born Aug. 1, 1922, in Heber City, to Henry A. Giles and Flossie

Lake Giles. Married Ralph A. Findley Feb. 25, 1944, in Boise, ID. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Provo Temple. An active member of the LDS Church, she was a Visiting Teacher and had a great love for family history work. Was a resident of Santa Clara, CA, for 43 years, was a homemaker, and loved gardening. She always had a great love for the Heber Valley and spoke often of fond memories of her childhood home. Attended and graduated from Wasatch High School. She was an operator at the telephone office in Heber City until moving to California with her family in 1952. She loved the beautiful view of Mt. Timpanogos that the Giles family had from their home on 600 South. She once participated in the annual Timp Hike with her brother Glen when they were in their teens. Shortly before she died, she remarked that now she could rest in the valley with the peaks of the

beautiful Timpanogos watching over.

Survived by her children, Paul A. Findley, Springville; Mrs. Thomas S. (Annette) Truesdell, Morgan Hill, CA; Sandra K. Findley, Santa Clara, CA; Mrs. Stephen G. (Carla) Burger, Santa Clara, CA; 15 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Also her sisters and brothers, Mrs. L.L. (Erma) Moorman, Sherman A. Giles, and Calvin Giles, of Heber City; Mrs. J. Fred (Nadine) Price, Charleston; and Mrs. Walter (Elizabeth) Bostwick, Salt Lake City. Preceded in death by her husband, parents, sisters, Laura May Giles and Leah Luella Giles Horrocks, and her brother, Glen Giles.

Viewing will be held on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m. at the Heber 4-8th Ward, 176 West 500 South, with funeral services following at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Heber City Cemetery.

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William M. Giles was born September 3, 1846, in Arnold, Nottingham, England, to Thomas and Mariah Kirkham Giles. As a youth he worked in the livery stables in England.

This family heard the gospel preached and became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about 1860. In March, 1862, they sailed from Liverpool, England, for America. There were five children in the family. The eldest daughter, being married, remained in England. Thomas, a son, died while crossing the ocean and was buried at sea. The ship had to be repaired while crossing and they were six weeks reaching America.

They took the train from New York to St. Louis, then traveled by boat up the Missouri River to Florence, Nebraska. There they joined the immigrants of Captain Duncan's company and traveled to Utah. 371

They left the immigrant company in Echo Canyon and came by way of Silver Creek directly to Heber, arriving in September, 1862.

William M. Giles homesteaded 160 acres southwest of Heber, down close to the river and known as the Bill M. Homestead. He joined the militia and fought in the Black Hawk War. He helped to bring about peace with the Indians.

In 1871, January 5, William M. Giles married Ann Murdock in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To them were born 11 children: John Thomas M., Mariah, William, Jane Ann, George David, Sarah Elizabeth, Joseph Fielding, Orson Edward, James Alvin, Henry Alexander, Charles Andrew.

Ann Murdock Giles passed away January 2, 1890.

Some time later, William M. married Rachel Howarth Fortie, a widow with three children.

William M. Giles was a very active man all his life, helping to build the community. He was a successful farmer. He passed away in 1926.

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Rachel F. Giles

HEBER CITY, Utah.—Mrs. Rachel Fortie Giles, 92, resident of Heber, City for 73 years, died at her home Tuesday.

She was born April 19, 1850, at Choor-moor, Lancashire, England, daughter of John and Ellen Monk Howarth. When she was 18 years of age she came to Utah as a convert to the Church.

On New Year's Day in 1868 she was married in the Salt Lake Endowment House to Alexander Fortie, whom she had known in England. For a time they lived in a railroad camp at Echo, while her husband worked on the construction of Utah's first rails.

Later they lived in Coalville, Wanship and then Heber City. She knew all of the hardships and joys of pioneer life. Her first baby was born in a log house where quilts and blankets had to be hung over the cracks to stop the wind.

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Rachel C. Giles

HEBER CITY—Mrs. Rachel C. Giles, 80, lifelong resident of Wasatch County and widow of Thomas G. Giles, died Saturday morning at her home of gallstone trouble after a month's illness.

She was born in Heber City on Sept. 13, 1864, to Isaac and Sarah Jones Cummings. She was married to Mr. Giles on Nov. 30, 1882, in the old Salt Lake Endowment House. He died 10 years ago. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a Relief Society teacher until her last illness.

Surviving are seven of her 10 sons and daughters: Thomas Monroe Giles of Hanna; Mrs. LaVerna McKnight, Mrs. Myrtle Clift, Mrs. May Calderwood and Mrs. Stella Reese of Heber City; G. Rodney Giles of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Pearl Forman of Tooele; 40 grandchildren, and four brothers and sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, William and Hyrum Cummings and Mrs. Luella Johnson, all of Heber City.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Wasatch Stake Tabernacle by Bishop Leonard Giles of Heber Second Ward. Burial will be in Heber City Cemetery. Friends may call at the family residence prior to time of services.



Honored At Heber

Rachel Fortie Giles reaches 90.

Utah Woman Feted At 90

Rachel Fortie Giles Given Reception

HEBER CITY, April 27.—Rachel Fortie Giles, celebrated the ninetieth birthday recently by holding open house at the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. F. C. Montgomery in Heber City.

Over 200 friends and relatives called to wish her joy and happiness.

Rachel Giles Passes 90th Milestone

Rachel Fortie Giles celebrated the 90th anniversary of her birth last Friday afternoon, by holding open house for her relatives and friends at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Montgomery.

Over two hundred friends and relatives called to wish her joy and happiness, and Mrs. Giles wishes to thank all for the lovely gifts, flowers and for the fine program.

Mrs. Giles enjoys excellent health at the present time. Her family includes three children, 34 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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